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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

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Another busy week!

Multiplication and Tables Check— Information for Parents

Do you have a child in year 4?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practice times tables with your child. Children may also access TTRS (Time Tables Rockstar). We will use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support required to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

How will the results be used?

We will have access to all pupils' results, allowing those pupils who need additional support to be identified.

Eco Team

The school Eco Team are very excited to be designing an area on our school grounds that will attract and provide a habitat for birds, butterflies and minibeasts. We are asking for your very kind donations of bulbs, seeds or outdoor plant pots (with holes for drainage). The Eco Team will collect these items from your child's classroom after half term, and will create something beautiful with them!

Lent

This half term as you know, we have been focusing on Catholic Social Teachings relating to Rights and Responsibilities. It is said in the Bible, *'God's gifts are given to be shared'* 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

Our children have been busy planning how they can demonstrate their understanding of Rights and Responsibilities by helping out groups in need during Lent.

Year Group	Group in Need	Act of Service
N	Priestley Rose Nursing Home	Pictures to the residents
R	Make a Wish Foundation	Donating to buy wishes
1	Staff at Heartlands Hospital	Letters of thanks
2	Priestley Rose Care Home	Toiletries and cards
3	Let's Feed Brum	Care packages
4	CAFLO food bank	Food delivery
5	Community	Series of Litter Picks
6	The Pantry	Hands on preparation work at The Pantry

Look out for more information on class pages, Twitter and ask your children too!





There are many activities going on in school during Lent to show that we know and understand our call to 'pray, give alms and fast.' In addition to our usual daily Catholic Life, RE and Collective Worship:

Ash Wednesday Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 2nd March For Year 2 and KS2 Infants will hold their own Ash Wednesday Service in school Please contact school if you do not wish your child to receive a cross of ash on their forehead on that day.
One Life Music with Dan Callow and Emily Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily online Collective Worship for the whole school provided by One Life Music
Stations of The Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Praying these with the children – the journey of Jesus towards the cross
Almsgiving (Alms are money, food or other material goods donated to people living in need)	
Lenten Acts of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See previous Act of Service table
Non-Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every Friday throughout this half term with children bringing in a donation of £1 per family to give to Father Hudson's Care and Cafod. We welcome in speakers from both of these charities to tell us about the amazing work of their charities <p>https://cafod.org.uk/ and https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/</p>
Fasting ('reducing something eaten')	
We will not be asking children to reduce their food intake, but maybe they might give up a bag of sweets, a bar of chocolate or a fizzy drink and be the one who donates the pound on a Friday.	



Other dates for your diary

There is a LOT going on this half term! There are some dates given in the Lent section of the newsletter, but also, don't forget

3 rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day – dress as a book character. Children will enjoy a range of reading activities throughout the school day to give an extra kick start out Reading for Pleasure campaign
March 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Uniform and wear something yellow for St David's Day
March 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non- Uniform and wear something green for St Patrick's Day

World Book Day

St Wilfrid's will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 3rd March** where the children will be participating in events and activities, throughout the day, dedicated to their favourite books and authors. The children are asked to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice. There will be a prize for the best costume in each class which will be judged by our School Council. The children (and teachers) are encouraged to bring in their favourite book to show and discuss with their teachers and friends.

Each child will also receive a £1 World Book day token that can be swapped for one of the new World Book Day books or be used to get £1 off any full price book

We hope the children are looking forward to a fun-filled World Book Day 2022.

Please note Nursery will be celebrating their World Book Day on Wednesday 2nd March 2022.



Go Forth



This week in our Gospel Liturgy, we listened to the words in Luke's Gospel, and heard about how Jesus teaches us to love others as we would like to be loved – even if we have done wrong. The children have been listening to others who have made incorrect choices, before forgiving them, so that they can have a fresh start. They know that if they show love to someone else, that person will show love to someone else too and this is what fills the world with love.

Parents' Evening

A successful couple of weeks talking to you at home about your children's progress. We thank you for your support - working in partnership with home is so important to your child's success. We are very proud, as we know you are, of what they have achieved so far this term. Y4P Parent Consultations will take place during the week **7th March, 2022.**

Virtues and Values

We are continuing to be 'Curious and Active'.

Congratulations to Grace (1DG) and Leopold (3M) who are the winners of the certificates this week.

Behaviour Awards

Blue Badges: Samiur, Ghazi, Kaydan (4B), Kelvin, Samuel (4B), Sedi

Pink Badge: Roscoe

Purple Badges: Delia, Tiana

Lilac Badge: Mariha





STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Nursery	Grace
Reception NM	Anabia
Reception SS	Mohammed Zayn
Year 1DG	Zimal
Year 1M	Olivia, Kyla
Year 2B	Elis
Year 2G	Reico-J
Year 3C	Xaiya
Year 3M	Angel
Year 4B	Lucy
Year 4P	Avaiyah, Dillon
Year 5P	Lacey Mae
Year 5W	Daniel
Year 6G	Abdulah
Year 6W	Irtiza
Sports Award	Hollie (6W)
Wise Owl Award	Mayumi (1M)
Uniform Award	Romaisa (RNM)
Music Award	Brass Players-Y5 & Y6

Well done everyone!

Attendance - Period – 7th – 11th Feb 2022

Group	
RNM	95.7%
RSS	92.5%
Year 1DG	94.8%
Year 1M	96.2%
Year 2B	96.3%
Year 2G	90%
Year 3C	92.3%
Year 3M	79.5%
Year 4B	94.1%
Year 4P	93.3%
Year 5P	99%
Year 5W	94.4%
Year 6G	93.3%
Year 6W	96.3%

School closes today for the February half term and re-opens on Monday 28th February, 2022.

Thank you for your continued support for your child and the school during the first half term. This is really what makes St Wilfrid a school family. Have a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staf

